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OKLAHOMA-NEW ORLEANS LINE

Interest in the Mid-Continent Field Now Centers in the Proposed 12-Inch Trunk Pipe Line to be Constructed by the Standard—It is Reported Unofficially That the Work is to be Started in the Very Near Future and That the Aim Will be to Complete it in Nine Months—Standard Has Acquired Extensive River Frontage on the Mississippi at or Near New Orleans and is Said to be Contemplating the Erection of a Large Plant There—New Shallow Sand Line About Completed and Rapid Progress Being Made on the Hogshooter Line—Attorney General West Still Defiant—Field Operations and Developments.

PIPE LINE RUNS SEPT. 1 TO 14.

Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

	Aug. 1 to 14.	Sept. 1 to 14.
Runs	1,319,843	1,179,181
Daily average	94,274	84,227
Deliveries	1,039,372	1,104,614
Daily average	74,240	78,901
Tanked	280,470	74,567
Daily average	20,033	5,326

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	Aug. 1 to 14.	Sept. 1 to 14.
Runs	168,000	210,000
Daily average	12,000	15,000
Deliveries	210,000	203,000
Daily average	15,000	14,500
Tanked	.....	.....
Daily average	.....	.....

The Texas Company.

	Aug. 1 to 14.	Sept. 1 to 14.
Runs	231,000	231,000
Daily average	16,500	16,500
Deliveries	231,000	231,000
Daily average	16,500	16,500
Tanked	.....	.....
Daily average	.....	.....

TULSA, OKLA., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Since the Supreme Court of Oklahoma rendered its decision in the contest between Governor Haskell and Attorney General West, involving the Prairie Oil & Gas Company, speculation has been rife as to what the company would really do, now that obstacles have been removed and it is at liberty to follow out the agreement made with Governor Haskell previous to the controversy that arose between him and the attorney general. So far the Prairie has confined its new work to the construction of two lines in the Cherokee districts, one of which, an 8-inch line from the shallow sand to Caney, it had commenced before the injunction proceedings were brought against it by the attorney general.

The great question among producers, of course, is as to whether the Prairie will build the big pipe line from Oklahoma to the Gulf Coast. On this subject there has been up to the present time no official declaration by the company, but there are many indications at hand that it is the intention of the company to construct the line without delay. It is to be 12 inches in diameter, therefore larger than any in the Mid-Continent field and will run from the Cherokee shallow sand to New Orleans, by way of Arkansas, not touching the state of Texas at any point. The work is to be completed in nine months from the time of starting. There is reason to believe that surveys for the line were made last December and January, coming from the south, passing Caddo, La., and coming up near Antlers and South McAlester in Okla. It is reported here on what appears to be excellent authority that the Standard Oil Company has acquired about 10 miles of river front at or near New Orleans for a refinery, warehouse, tank farm, loading docks, etc. This indicates that the company expects to operate on a very extensive scale at this point. Doubtless it is the purpose to get the New Orleans terminal in good shape for the business that will follow the development of the South American countries, and the opening of the Panama canal. The construction of a 12 inch line from the Oklahoma field to New Orleans would relieve the present congested conditions of the oil business here and would, no doubt, result in better prices. The impression that this line is to be constructed at once is having a decidedly encouraging effect on producers throughout the field and there is a more hopeful feeling among them. There would probably be no immediate relief in the way of increased runs for the reason that it would take 9 months to a year to build the line and get it into operation. The distance from here to New Orleans is 700 miles and much of it is through country that is swampy and where construction will be difficult. No doubt the Standard will throw an immense amount of energy into this enterprise when it is undertaken. The work will be done as fast as men and money can do it. A report from West Virginia states that a 12 inch gas line will be taken up there, and that this pipe will go into the Oklahoma-New Orleans line of the Standard. The capacity of the line will depend upon the number of stations. A minimum of 40,000 barrels a day is mentioned, with a possible maximum of over 50,000 barrels.

PRAIRIE LAYING LOCAL LINES.

On August 31, two days after the Oklahoma supreme court gave its decision in favor of Governor Haskell as against Attorney General West the Prairie Oil & Gas Company resumed the construction of its 8 inch pipe line from Caney into the Cherokee shallow sand district to a point three miles northeast of Nowata. The work has been carried along with the greatest dispatch. The line runs through the counties of Washington and Nowata. It will be about 32 miles in length and at its Nowata terminus will connect with the old 4 inch line that has been serving that part of the country. The commissioners of Washington county gave permission some time ago for the building of the line through that county but the commissioners of Nowata county did not give their consent for that county until the night of Tuesday, September 8, and this held back the work somewhat, but even with this delay it is expected that the line will be completed and ready for business on September 20. At the same time a short four inch line has been built from the Hogshooter district in the Cherokee field to a point a little west of Ocheleta, where connection was made with the Prairie's main north and south line. Both these lines were greatly needed and will afford immediate relief to the Cherokee country. The long eight inch line to Caney runs through the famous Delaware pool where there are some heavy producers. Results are already seen in increased activity in the drilling of new wells and the fear now is that the two new lines will soon be taxed beyond their capacity.

WEST CONTINUES TO ROAR.

Attorney General West is not satisfied with the result of his bout with Governor Haskell before the Oklahoma supreme court as to his authority to bring suit against the Prairie Oil & Gas Company and has filed an application with that body for a rehearing. It is not at all probable that his application will be granted. In case it is not he says he will appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court. Some uneasiness has been felt here among oil men on this score as they are afraid such action upon the part of the attorney general would serve to hold up work that the Prairie Oil & Gas Company may have in view and thus put a damper on the oil business for months and perhaps for years. But it is the opinion of those best informed that the case is not appealable and that it can go no further than the state supreme court. In any event the Prairie does not seem to be disturbed by the action of West in reopening the fight. In the meantime Governor Haskell is coming in for his share of villification because of his efforts to enable the Prairie to build the pipe lines necessary to relieve the situation and give producers a better market. W. R. Hearst has already started the ball rolling by saying that Haskell is the tool of the Standard Oil Company and this cry will no doubt be taken up by every political opponent Governor Haskell has in Oklahoma and elsewhere. In staying the hand of Attorney General West in his attempted raid on the Prairie Oil & Gas Company Governor Haskell was endeavoring by opening the way for better pipe line facilities to give that relief to the oil business in the state which Secretary Garfield and every other public official, as well as every other intelligent

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PIPE LINE RUNS.

Pipe line runs from all Mid-continent districts during the first fourteen days of the month averaged 115,727 barrels a day as against 114,449 barrels a day in the same period in August. The Prairie averaged 84,227 barrels a day from September 1 to 14, The Texas Company 16,500 barrels and the Gulf Pipe Line Company 15,000 barrels. The Texas Company is now taking oil from the Bald Hill district through its new 6-inch lateral, connecting with the main line south of Okmulgee. It is reported to be running over 2,000 barrels a day from Bald Hill, taking production from the Producers Oil Company, W. H. Roeser and the Ivy Oil & Gas Company. Deliveries by the Prairie during the two weeks from September 1 to 14 averaged 78,901 barrels a day, by the Gulf Company 14,500 barrels and by The Texas Company 16,500 barrels. The Prairie tanked 5,326 barrels a day.

STATISTICS OF GLENN FIELD PRODUCTION.

Some interesting figures are at hand bearing on the present state of activity in the Glenn field as well as its vitality and longevity. At the close of the month of August just past there were in the field 1338 producing wells which was an increase of 36 over the July previous and an increase of 623 over the month of August a year ago. The daily production for August, 1908, was 47,421 barrels, while that for the same month a year ago was 122,900 barrels, a decrease of 75,479 barrels. The average per well in August, 1908, was 35 barrels. The average per well for August, 1907, was 172 barrels, a decrease of 137 barrels per well. These are big declines but it must be remembered that a year ago nearly all the wells were flowing naturally. Now practically all of them are on the pump. The same ratio of decline in production was not maintained throughout the year. It is now much less than it was six or nine months ago. For instance, the daily production for this last August was 47,421 barrels while that for July preceding was 50,228 barrels, showing

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a decrease of only 2,807 barrels for the month. The three pipe lines, the Prairie, the Gulf and the Texas, are now taking a much larger proportion of the field's output than they were a year ago. Their runs for this last August were in round numbers as follows: Prairie, 9,000 barrels; Gulf, 12,000 barrels; Texas, 16,000 barrels; total 37,000 barrels. Producers had left only a little over 10,000 barrels a day to put into their own storage or ship by rail. A year ago they were putting 20,000 barrels a day into their own storage. A year ago the three pipe line companies had about 7,000,000 barrels in storage and producers had a little over 3,000,000 barrels in storage. At the present time the pipe lines have about 14,000,000 barrels in storage and the producers a little more than 2,000,000 barrels, making a total of about 17,000,000 barrels of Glenn crude now in storage in and about the field. In addition to the pipe line runs some 7,000 barrels a day went from the Glenn field by tank car in August. Part of this was ground storage oil, but the most of it was fresh crude, consigned to the Security Oil Company's refinery at Beaumont. This refinery has been receiving 6,000 barrels a day of Glenn crude by tank car for some time past.

A DEEP SAND THAT LOOKS GOOD.

In its issue of August 6 last the Oil Investors' Journal published in its Tulsa correspondence an account of the attempt being made by the Eastern Oil Company, Fred Forman, The Laurel Oil & Gas Company and The Selby Oil & Gas Company to develop a deep sand in section 29-17-12, Glenn field. Since then operations have progressed with favorable results. The first well was brought in by the Laurel Oil & Gas Company on the Leona Rhodes tract, southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the section at a depth of 2,240 feet, the drill being sent into the sand 30 feet. This well has been making 100 barrels of high grade oil right along and is a pronounced success. On Friday, September 11, the Eastern Oil Company brought in a well in the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of the section at a depth of 2,340 feet going into the sand 18 feet and se-

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curing a flow of at least 100 barrels of the same grade of oil found by the Laurel Oil & Gas Company on the Rhodes tract. The Selby Company has been drilling in the northwest corner of the southeast quarter and has a well just at the sand. The formation seems to be the same as in the other two wells and the same result is expected. Fred Forman has just commenced the erection of a rig on the northwest corner of the southwest quarter. Thus the four quarters of the section will be tested. The thickness of the sand found here has not yet been determined but it is a very hard, compact sand and oil men who have seen it say it has evidences of good staying qualities. Some of the companies operating in this territory have acquired considerable holdings. Those of the Eastern Oil Company amount to over 300 acres.

MUSKOGEE.

Operations in the Muskogee field are still greatly restricted owing to the inability of producers to dispose of their oil. Notwithstanding this fact there is a steady increase in production. On September 12 there were 44 producing wells and 10 drilling. The gross production for that week was 23,050 barrels, of which the Prairie Oil & Gas Company took about 11,700 barrels. The largest single producer in the field at the present time is the Okla Oil Co.mpany, which with 5 wells has a gross output of 8,000 barrels per week. Next comes the M. R. Williams Oil & Gas Company with 3,000 barrels per week. The total field stocks of producers now amounts to 96,139 barrels. The output of the field could be easily doubled with the present number of producing wells if they were allowed to yield their full capacity.

BALD HILL.

Operations in the Bald Hill field are at low ebb, partly because of poor results obtained by many operators and partly because of light runs. On September 12 there were 48 producing wells, 6 drilling and 14 locations. The gross production for the week was 16,831 barrels, of which the Prairie Oil & Gas Company took 11,551 barrels. The Texas Company has completed its lateral into this field and is now pumping oil to its main trunk line. The largest producer in this field at present is W. H. Roeser with 4,300 barrels per week. The Canton Oil Company is next with 2,264 barrels per week, and the Producers Oil Company third with 2,100 barrels per week. The total field stocks of producers now amount to 249,700 barrels.

MORRIS.

Little new work is being done in the Morris field. On September 12 there were 35 producing wells with no wells drilling and 3 locaitons. The gross production for the week was 7,161 barrels. Runs by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company for the same period were 7,313 barrels, indicating that producers' field

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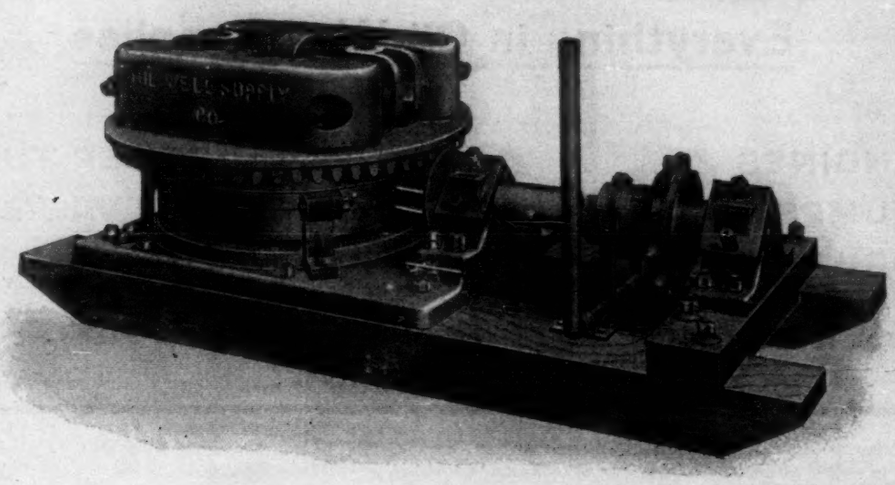

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stocks were slightly decreased. Field stocks amount to 68,383 barrels. The Winslow Oil Company leads in production with 1,860 barrels per week from a single well. The Matson Oil Company has a production of 1,485 barrels per week from four wells.

DEEP SAND AT MOUNDS.

A report on the condition of deep wells drilled within the last few months southwest of Mounds is quite interesting as showing the results so far obtained. The first of these wells was the Swasey No. 1 on the Korndorfer tract in the northwest quarter of section 18-16-12 which was drilled to a depth of 2,356 feet. For some time this well produced 250 barrels of high grade oil. It filled three 1600 barrel tanks and two 250-barrel tanks, then they had difficulty with the casing and have had various kinds of trouble ever since. The well has been out of condition about three months. They are now trying to shoot in with 120 quarts of glycerine. The battery wire was broken in the well and they have been trying to clean above the shot where there was a slight cave. It is believed that when this well is put into shape it will be a good producer. Other wells drilled in that neighborhood are one by the Lee Company in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 18-16-12, a small producer; one by the Prairie Oil & Gas Company in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the same section, which is being drilled deeper and is now down to 2,480 feet, and one by the Selby Oil & Gas Company on the southeast quarter of the same section which is now 2,100 feet deep. In addition to these, a dry hole was drilled on the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 19. This well was drilled to a depth of 2,504 feet and only 4 feet of sand was found. A gas well was drilled on the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 30. This well was drilled to a depth of 1,300 feet and 1,100 cubic feet of gas obtained. Another gas well was drilled on the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 30. The Prairie Oil & Gas Company is now drilling a well in section 12 about one and one-half miles northwest of Mounds. There seems to be a well founded belief among operators that a good deep sand will be developed in this district.

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tions in the Glenn field, has what appears to be a valuable property in the Muskogee field. The land lies in sections 33-15-18 and 5-14-18. Only one well has been drilled, it being on the Edmond Gibson allotment. The oil obtained is a very high grade, testing 43 degrees and a fraction over. The production of the well is only about 50 barrels a day but the company will not sell it at prevailing prices. It is reported that an independent refinery has offered the Coody people an advance of 20 cents above the regular price, 41 cents, paid by the Prairie.

Results in the new North Tulsa field are of the most encouraging character. One of the latest wells is the Alpine No. 2 with production of about 500 barrels a day, natural. This is equal to the Alpine's first well. The Alpine is now drilling No. 3. So far not a dry hole has been reported in this field. The great trouble at this time is to find storage for production. The Prairie Oil & Gas Company has been taking only a limited quantity.

O. M. Babcock, of the Paraffine Oil Company of Beaumont, has been here for several days looking over the country.

The Keystone Oil & Gas Company, through which the Higgins Oil & Fuel Company operates, expects to do a good deal of work in the Bird Creek field. The company owned 160 acres in this territory, about 11 miles from Tulsa, which is known as the Ellis farm, but of this L. J. Black of the Higgins Company has purchased 80 acres in fee and will operate it personally. The Keystone Company has one well making 30 barrels on the pump, another well at the sand, and locations for four other wells which will be drilled at once.

The success of operations in the North Tulsa field has been so uniform that renewed attention has been directed to the Bird Creek district and the indications are that there will be a large increase in drilling there as soon as producers have assurance that their oil will be run. The Bird Creek field covers a big territory and consists apparently of a series of pools of greater or less extent. Taken in the aggregate they will no doubt produce a great deal of oil in the future. It has been shown that the sand in many places is much as 60 feet think and that it is reached at less than 1,200 feet.

The Higgins Oil & Fuel Company has been making shipments from here to Texas points in tank cars but it is stated that these will practically cease within a short time, owing to the condition of the market for Texas crude. At present prices it does not pay to ship Glenn crude to the Texas market.

A. Miller Hammett is here looking after the King Hill Irrigation & Power Company of Idaho, in which he and his father, Captain C. H. Hammett, are largely interested. A year ago Captain Hammett held many valuable leases in the Glenn field, but he sold all these for good prices, cleaning up nearly half a million dollars, and went out to Idaho to engage in his present land venture.

J. W. Swayne of Fort Worth, a member of the old Hogg-Swayne syndicate that operated at Spindletop during the great boom, has been here for some

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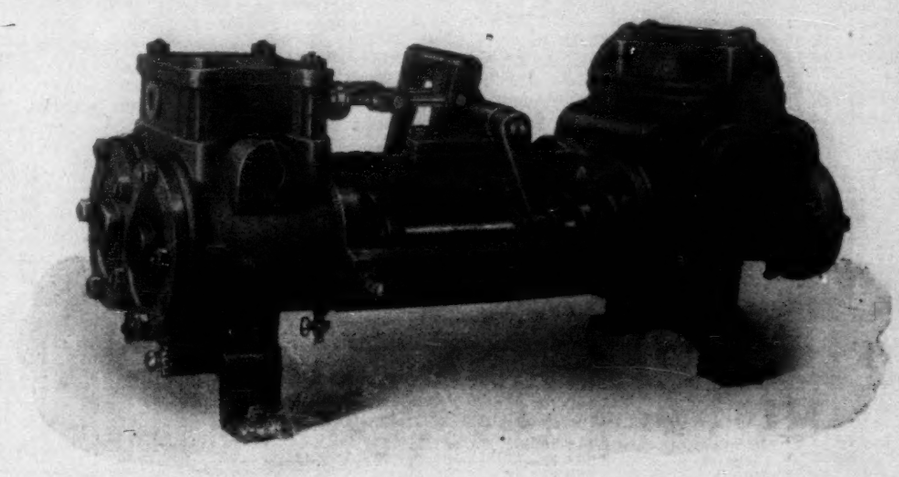

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time. It is understood he is looking into certain oil properties and may acquire holdings here for himself and Ft. Worth friends.

O. W. Compton has returned with his family from a month's visit to Mackinac Island.

E. J. Slater has returned from a visit to Mackinac Island.

It was inadvertently stated in this correspondence under date of September 5, that the division of freight allowed the Frisco on shipments of crude oil in train load lots to Beaumont and other Gulf Coast points is 6 cents a barrel. It should have been given as 6 cents a hundred pounds, or a fraction over 18 cents a barrel. The Southern Pacific's division of the rate is 9 cents a hundred pounds on shipments to coastal points. Therefore the oil which the Southern Pacific is shipping for fuel purposes from the Glenn pool costs that company a little over 18 cents a barrel, plus the purchase price, 29 or 30 cents, delivered at Denison.

R. A. Josey, who now makes his home in Muskogee, was here a few days ago on his return from a visit of several weeks to Atlantic City and other eastern summer resorts.

There is a notable decline in wild cat operations throughout the entire Mid-continent field. Most of the work now being done is in the vicinity of the established fields. So far nothing of importance in Oklahoma has been found south of Morris and Okmulgee.

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GENERAL PIPE LINE STATISTICS

(Eight Months, 1908.)

MID-CONTINENT REGION.

PRAIRIE OIL AND GAS COMPANY.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January	2,914,843.19	94,027.20
February	2,773,592.27	95,641.11
March	2,985,696.98	96,312.81
April	2,979,844.45	99,328.15
May	2,487,425.95	80,239.55
June	2,395,325.78	79,844.19
July	2,950,757.12	95,185.71
August	2,858,651.27	92,214.56
Total	22,345,137.01	

Deliveries.

January	2,332,098.07	75,228.97
February	2,005,284.75	69,147.75
March	1,954,992.29	64,354.29
April	1,941,283.80	64,709.46
May	1,987,441.31	64,111.01
June	2,162,764.80	72,092.16
July	2,326,523.96	75,049.16
August	2,353,609.28	75,922.88
Total	17,103,998.26	

Tanked.

January	582,745.12	18,798.23
February	768,307.52	26,493.36
March	990,704.69	31,958.22
April	1,038,560.65	34,618.69
May	499,984.64	16,128.54
June	232,560.98	7,752.03
July	624,233.16	20,136.55
August	505,041.99	16,291.68
Total	5,242,138.75	

Stocks.

February 1	32,569,215.29
March 1	33,352,054.29
April 1	34,555,351.62
May 1	35,739,398.64
June 1	36,325,501.64
July 1	36,662,426.00
August 1	37,314,203.91
September 1	37,854,731.32

GULF PIPE LINE COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

Runs.

January	558,000	18,000
February	533,600	18,400
March	620,000	20,000
April	546,000	18,200
May	461,900	14,900
June	240,000	8,000
July	381,300	12,300
August	375,000	12,097
Total	3,715,800	

Deliveries.

January	387,500	12,500
February	437,900	15,100
March	496,000	16,000
April	390,000	13,000
May	325,000	10,484
June	126,000	4,200
July	434,000	14,000
August	450,000	14,516
Total	3,046,400	

Tanked.

January	170,500	5,500
February	95,700	3,300
March	124,000	4,000
April	156,000	5,200
May	136,900	4,416
June	114,000	3,800
July	.....	.....
August	.....	.....
Total	797,100	

Stocks.

September 1	5,279,200

THE TEXAS COMPANY.

(Estimated.)

Runs.

January	465,000	15,000
February	464,000	16,000
March	465,000	15,000
April	450,000	15,000
May	372,000	12,000
June	150,000	5,000
July	527,000	17,000
August	496,000	16,000
Total	3,389,000	

Deliveries.

January	465,000	15,000
February	464,000	16,000
March	465,000	15,000
April	450,000	15,000
May	315,000	10,161
June	.....	.....
July	527,000	17,000
August	527,000	17,000
Total	3,213,000	

Tanked.

May	57,000	1,839
June	150,000	5,000
July	.....	.....
August	.....	.....
Total	207,000	

Stocks.

September 1	2,576,000

RECAPITULATION OF MID-CONTINENT REGION.

All Pipe Line Runs.

January	3,937,843.19	127,027.20
February	3,771,192.27	130,041.11
March	4,070,696.98	131,312.81
April	3,975,844.45	132,528.15
May	3,321,325.95	107,139.55
June	2,785,325.78	92,844.19
July	3,859,057.12	124,485.71
August	3,729,651.27	120,311.56
Total	29,450,937.01	

Deliveries.

January	3,184,598.07	102,728.97
February	2,907,184.75	100,247.75
March	2,955,992.29	95,354.29
April	2,781,283.80	92,709.46
May	2,627,441.31	84,756.01
June	2,288,764.80	76,292.16
July	3,287,523.96	106,049.16
August	3,330,609.28	107,438.88
Total	23,363,398.26	

Tanked.

January	753,245.12	24,298.23
February	864,007.52	29,793.36
March	1,114,704.69	35,958.22
April	1,194,560.65	39,818.69
May	693,884.64	22,383.54
June	496,560.98	16,552.03
July	624,233.16	20,136.55
August	505,041.99	16,291.68
Total	6,246,238.75	

MID-CONTINENT STOCKS SEPT. 1.

	Barrels.
Prairie O. & G. Co.	37,854,731
Gulf P. L. Co. (Est.)	5,279,200
The Texas Company (Est.)	2,576,000
In producers' tanks (Est.)	6,800,000
Total	52,509,931

GULF COAST REGION.

(Estimated.)

Production.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January	1,479,950	47,740
February	1,497,950	51,653
March	1,663,980	53,677
April	1,475,600	49,187
May	1,395,200	45,006
June	1,294,500	43,150
July	1,273,500	41,080
August	1,350,400	43,560
Total	10,431,080	

Consumption.

January	1,192,791	38,477
February	977,113	33,694
March	949,814	30,640
April	905,143	30,171
May	1,026,266	33,105
June	904,446	30,148
July	1,400,858	45,189
August	1,417,226	45,717
Total	8,773,655	

Stocks.

August 1 (Est.)	6,367,376
September 1 (Est.)	6,300,550
Decrease	66,826

ILLINOIS REGION.

1908.	Runs.	Shipments.
January	2,497,354.21	77,936.36
February	2,464,914.17	230,336.22
March	2,591,911.33	303,318.31
April	2,089,417.23	216,938.31
May	2,084,815.94	306,900.83
June	2,965,786.03	312,050.84
July	2,579,977.26	227,848.19
*August	2,690,931.05	222,106.88
Totals	21,965,307.22	1,897,435.94

*Other receipts, 1,059,941.36.
*Other deliveries, 2,087,323.48.
*Daily average runs from wells, 86,804.23 barrels.

Stocks.

1908.	Barrels.
January 1	12,610,618.11
February 1	14,053,277.39
March 1	15,010,751.96
April 1	15,848,970.90
May 1	17,325,277.94
June 1	18,944,277.72
July 1	20,352,880.67
August 1	20,760,017.88
September 1	22,292,043.43

PENNSYLVANIA-LIMA-KENTUCKY.

Runs.

1908.	Total Bbls.	Daily Avg.
January	2,533,716.21	21,732.78
February	2,333,342.23	80,460.07
March	2,611,812.17	84,252.00
April	2,583,085.20	86,102.84
May	2,637,988.98	85,096.41
June	2,675,864.64	89,195.49
July	2,665,287.88	85,977.03
August	2,556,277.74	82,460.57
Total	20,597,375.05	

Deliveries.

January	5,554,984.38	179,193.04
February	4,985,638.34	171,918.56
March	5,147,047.87	166,033.80
April	5,325,816.54	177,527.22
May	5,561,057.02	179,388.94
June	5,708,922.18	190,297.40
July	5,927,157.05	191,198.61
August	5,605,937.10	180,836.68
Total	43,816,560.48	

Gross Stocks.

January 1	12,472,264.11
February 1	12,835,197.60
March 1	12,949,112.20
April 1	13,512,728.28
May 1	13,831,205.85
June 1	13,716,796.69
July 1	13,758,311.62
August 1	14,364,289.02
September 1	14,308,240.20

GRADES OF OIL.

The following table shows the amount of the different grades of oil held by the Eastern pipe lines at the close of July and August, and included in the gross stocks in above table:

Grade.	July.	August.
Pennsylvania	3,561,855.43	3,566,998.69
Lima	4,110,690.42	3,709,929.43
Kentucky	278,549.89	302,363.13
Kansas	2,960,789.42	3,525,776.03
Illinois	3,452,403.86	3,203,172.92
Total	14,364,289.02	14,308,240.20

ALL LIGHT OIL RECEIPTS.

Following are the average daily receipts of the different grades of oil by the various lines during August:

Field.	Barrels.
Pennsylvania	63,416
Lima	19,044
Illinois	86,804
Mid-continent	120,311
Total	289,575
Total July	293,687
Decrease	4,112

PIPE LINE STOCKS OF LIGHT OIL.

The stocks of Oklahoma and Kansas oil held by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company amounted to 37,854,731 barrels at the close of August. The stocks held by the Gulf Pipe Line and The Texas Company were estimated at 7,855,200 barrels, which would make the total stocks in the tanks of the pipe line companies west of the Mississippi 45,709,931 barrels.

The total stocks of the various grades of oil held by the various pipe line companies at the close of August were as follows:

Kind of Oil.	Barrels.
Pennsylvania	3,566,999
Lima	3,709,929
Kentucky	302,363
Illinois, Eastern lines	3,203,173
Illinois, Ohio Oil Co.	22,292,043
Mid-Continent, Eastern lines	3,525,776
Mid-Continent, Western lines	45,709,931
Total	82,310,214
Total July 31	80,399,706
Increase	1,910,508

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA SUMMARY

(September 1 to 15.)

Gulf Coast production on September 15 was put at 47,965 barrels. Southeast Texas was credited with 31,880 barrels and Louisiana with 16,085 barrels. These figures indicate an increase over the estimates for August 31 of 1,555 barrels, due principally to an increase in production at Anse la Butte. The other fields in the Gulf Coast changed but little.

THE CRUDE OIL MARKET.

The crude market has stiffened in the last two weeks, and is stronger than at any time before during the present year. A sale of production at Humble was made early in the month at 55 cents at the wells. This was John O'Neil's oil and the purchaser was the Oil Producers' Marketing Company, which sold the Rio Bravo Oil Company 50,000 barrels of Humble crude for current delivery at 64 cents on the cars. The contract made by the selling company with the Rio Bravo allows 60 days within which to deliver the oil, and in the event it is taken within 30 days the price is shaded one-half cent. The Oil Producers' Company last week offered Nells Esperson 60 cents for 50,000 barrels of Humble oil which he has in the pipe line. It looks very much like a 60 cent market at Humble. Spot oil on cars at this point is bringing 60 to 63 cents a barrel. At Batson, Saratoga, Sour Lake and Spindletop 52 cents is being paid for production. The three months' contracts made by the pipe lines on July 1 will expire at the end of the present month and the new price is now a matter of general discussion among producers. They are talking 60 cents. Two advances in credit balance quotations were made by the pipe lines during the first half of the month. On September 4 both the Sun Company and Gulf Pipe Line Company posted a new list, advancing Spindletop and Humble from 45 cents to 50 cents, Sour Lake from 45 to 48 cents and Batson from 44 cents to 48 cents. Saratoga was left unchanged at 44 cents and Dayton at 39 cents. On September 7 the Gulf Company marked Saratoga to 48 cents and on the following day the Sun Company made a similar advance. The Texas Company has not resumed the posting of credit balance prices.

FIELD OPERATIONS.

Twenty-seven wells were completed in the Gulf Coast region in the first half of September, 22 being producers with initial output of 12,380 barrels and 5 dry. The record for the corresponding period of August was 27 completions of which 16 were producers with 4,215 barrels of new oil and 11 dry holes. Anse la Butte furnished over a third of the new production from 2 wells, aggregating 4,500 barrels. These wells have since shown a falling off of perhaps 50 per cent. Jennings was next with 3,425 barrels of new oil and Humble third with 3,055 barrels. Caddo supplied 825 barrels, Sour Lake 275, Spindletop 225 and Goose Creek the remaining 75 barrels. On September 15 there were 114 wells drilling and 9 rigs up for new work in the coastal fields against 116 wells drilling and rigs up August 31.

DISTRICTS IN DETAIL.

The Latreille 40 acres at Jennings continues to furnish large wells. Producers 59, on that tract, came in during the first half of September good for 3,000 barrels of new production. It has since dropped to 1,500 barrels. This is one of 4 completions, all producers, at Jennings during the two weeks totaling 3,425 barrels. Gulf Refining Company 24 on the Syndicate fee simple land produced at the rate of 200 barrels, National 6, on the Conklin, was good for 150 barrels initial output, and Zigler 8, on the Layne, supplied the remaining 75 barrels. There were 17 wells drilling on September 15 and 4 derricks up for new work. One well was being deepened.

At Anse la Butte Lake 10, on the R. Martin tract, came in at 3 p. m. September 11, flowing at the rate of 4,000 barrels a day of oil, and on September 14 was making over 2,000 barrels with much water. It has since shown a further decline. The other completion was Guidroz 1, on the N. Patin, which came in the same day at about 11 p. m. gushing at the rate of about 1,500 barrels. This well was producing about 350 barrels of oil on air on September 14. There were 8 wells drilling on September 14 and 1 rig up for a new well. Both of the new producers are within a few hundred feet of the Lake Oil Company's No. 7 and do not extend the field materially. The Guidroz well is on an arpent of land obtained from Heywood Bros. Oil Corporation. The hole was started by the corporation last winter. Several of the men operating in the field took it over and deepened it, with the result stated.

Markham reported no completions during the first half of the month. Five wells were drilling on September 15, all being within 500 feet of the producers. Since that date three of them have gone below the depth in which oil was found in Hardy 1 and 2. One of these, No. 3, will be perforated at 1,180 feet to develop 12 feet of sand penetrated at that level. No. 14 is dry at 1,400 feet and No. 13 is in gumbo at about the same depth. The Hardy 1 has been flowing 700 to 900 barrels of oil a day since September 10 and making about 300 barrels of water. No. 2 is pumping 40 to 50 barrels of oil, with some water. A location has been made for well No. 16 about 75 feet northwest of No. 1.

At Goose Creek four wells were completed, Producers 2 on the Ashbel Smith, nearly a mile east of the discovery well, showing for 75 barrels of oil with twice as much fresh water, from the 1470-foot sand, Producers 1 on the Ashbel Smith being dry and abandoned at 2500 feet, Producers 1 on the Busch, 1000 feet west of the discovery well on the Gaillard, being lost and abandoned while trying to reset strainer in the 1500-foot sand, and Guffey 1 on the Scorreggo being dry and abandoned at 2550 feet. This last test was 3000 feet northwest of the discovery well. The No. 2 on the Ashbel Smith is 60 feet east of the No. 1 on the same land. The sand from which the oil is coming in No. 2 was cased off in No. 1. A rig is up for No. 2 on the Busch, 80 feet west of No. 1, and a location has been made by the Producers Company for No. 1 on the Isenhour land, west side of the creek, a mile and a half from the discovery well. Five wells were drilling on September 15. The Texas Company has completed its pumping station in the field and is laying a 4-inch line to deep water on the bay at Bay Town.

Humble reported 8 completions, 7 of which were producers with 3,055 barrels of new oil. One well was dry. The two best wells of the half month were O'Neil 44 and 45, both on the Butler, each rated good for 900 barrels of initial production. Sun 66, on the Hargraves, was a close third with 800 barrels of new oil, but soon sanded. Fondren 18, on the Adams, and Farish 22, on the Hargraves, were each good for 200 barrels. The other completions were small wells. There were 37 wells

THE CRUDE PETROLEUM MARKET

Quotations on Credit Balances as Posted by the Pipe Lines.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

Sun Company.

	June 20	July 7	July 30	Aug 10	Sept 4	Sept 8
Spindletop	.45	42	42	45	50	50
Sour Lake	.45	42	42	45	48	48
Batson	.41	38	41	44	48	48
Saratoga	.42	38	41	44	44	48
Humble	.45	42	44	45	50	50
Dayton	.38	35	36	39	39	44

All oil run on the basis of 60 degrees F. temperature.

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	May 20	July 8	July 30	Aug 10	Sept 4	Sept 7
Spindletop	.57	40	42	45	50	50
Sour Lake	.57	40	42	45	48	48
Saratoga	.57	39	41	44	44	48
Batson	.53	39	41	44	48	48
Humble	.58	42	44	45	50	50

The Texas Company.

Credit balance quotations suspended by this company June 8. Following are postings up to that date:

District	Feb. 4	Mch. 13	Mch. 30	Apr. 20	May 11	May 30
Sour Lake	.75	72	70	68	65	62
Saratoga	.71	71	66	64	61	58
Humble	.73	70	68	65	62	60
Jennings	.70	67	64	60	57	54
Shrevep't	.70	67	64	58	55	52

Above prices do not include loading, storage or other charges on oil shipped by tank car.

NORTH TEXAS.

Navarro Refining Company.

	June 10	June 13
Corsicana, light	$0.72	$0.70
Corsicana, heavy	.50	.45
Henrietta, Texas	.60	.45

KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA.

Prairie Oil and Gas Company.

	1907 Feb. 11	Mch. 9
32 gravity and over	$0.40	$0.41
32 to 31½ gravity	.37	.38
31½ to 31 gravity	.34	.38
31 to 30½ gravity	.31	.32
30½ to 30 gravity	.27	.28
Heavy or fuel oil	.27	.28

Gulf Pipe Line Company.

	1907 Dec. 5
Glenn Crude	$0.25

EASTERN STATES.

Pennsylvania	$1.78
Second sand	1.78
Tiona oil	1.78
Amber oil	1.78
Corning	1.14
Newcastle	1.22
Cabell	1.32
Butler, Ohio	1.78
North Lima	1.04
South Lima	.99
Indiana	.99
Illinois	.68
Illinois, under 30 deg.	.60
Princeton, Ind.	.68
Somerset	1.00
Ragland	.65
Canada	1.44

drilling on September 15 and 4 rigs and 4 new derricks up for new wells. Three wells were abandoned during the first half of September.

Caddo shows 3 completions, all producers, during the first half of the month, furnishing 325 barrels of new production. These are Producers 1, on the Lane, 400 barrels; Richardson 2, on the Patzman, 400 barrels, and Dawes 1, on the Edwards, near Vivian, which is rated good for about 25 barrels. There were 18 wells drilling at Caddo on September 15 and 9 derricks up for new wells.

Spindletop reports 2 completions. Unity 18, on the Big Five lease, credited with 225 barrels initial production. The other, McNeil & Hess, on block 38 of the Hogg-Swayne, was dry. There were 8 wells drilling on September 15 and 1 rig and 1 derrick up for new wells on that date.

Batson is quiet with no completions and the same 4 wells drilling as were noted on August 31. Three old wells were abandoned during the first half of September.

Sour Lake shows 4 completions, all producers, with 275 barrels of new oil. Two hundred barrels of this is from Robinson & Buckner 1, on the Bailey, the remaining 3 producers being rated at 30 barrels or under. Six wells were drilling and 2 derricks up on September 15.

At Saratoga no wells were completed in the first half of the month. Three wells were drilling and 2 rigs were up on September 15.

At Dayton two wells were drilling on September 15 and at Welsh one rig was up to deepen an old hole. Following are the tables of production and well operations for the half month:

GULF COAST PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 15.

(Estimated.)

SOUTHEAST TEXAS.

District	Aug. 15.	Aug. 31.	Sept. 15.
Saratoga	4,590	4,515	4,425
Batson	4,600	4,665	4,650
Humble	11,000	11,250	12,000
Sour Lake	5,200	4,970	5,100
Spindletop	4,800	5,040	4,600
Dayton	230	175	230
Markham	0	400	725
Goose Creek	75	75	150
Totals	30,495	31,090	31,880

LOUISIANA.

District	Aug. 15.	Aug. 31.	Sept. 15.
Jennings	13,000	12,000	11,500
Caddo	2,000	2,400	2,000
Anse la Butte	1,000	800	2,500
Welsh	120	120	85
Totals	16,120	15,320	16,085

GULF COAST REGION.

District	Aug. 15.	Aug. 31.	Sept. 15.
Southeast Texas	30,495	31,090	31,880
Louisiana	16,120	15,320	16,085
Totals	46,615	46,410	47,965

GULF COAST WELL SUMMARY FIRST TWO WEEKS IN SEPTEMBER.

WELLS COMPLETED.

District	Com.	Oil.	Dry.	Abd.	Pdn.
Saratoga	0	0	0	0	0
Batson	0	0	0	3	0
Humble	8	7	1	3	3055
Spindletop	2	1	1	0	225
Dayton	0	0	0	0	0
Sour Lake	4	4	0	0	275
Jennings	4	4	0	0	3425
Caddo	3	3	0	0	825
Anse la Butte	2	2	0	0	4500
Markham	0	0	0	0	0
Goose Creek	4	1	3	3	75
Totals	27	22	5	9	12380
1st half Aug.	27	16	11	14	4215
Difference	0	6	6	5	8165

WELLS DRILLING AND RIGS.

District	—Drilling— Aug. 31.	Sept. 15.	—Rigs— Aug. 31.	Sept. 15.	Totls Sept. 15.
Saratoga	3	2	1	2	5
Batson	4	4	0	0	4
Humble	26	37	4	4	41
Spindletop	7	8	1	1	9
Dayton	1	2	1	0	2
Sour Lake	7	6	0	0	6
Jennings	14	17	0	0	17
Caddo	14	18	0	0	18
Anse la Butte	8	8	2	1	9
Markham	5	5	0	0	5
Goose Creek	9	6	0	1	7
Totals	107	114	9	9	123
Totals August 31					116

HUMBLE.

COMPLETED.

Sun 66, Hargraves; 800 bbls., then sanded.

Sun 67, Hargraves; dry.

Rucker & Breeding 9 (formerly No. 1 on Guffey 5 acres) Landslide; 30 bbls.

Ninety-Nine Co. 35, West; 25 bbls.

O'Neil 44, Butler; 900 bbls.

O'Neil 45, Butler; 900 bbls.

Fendren 18, Adams; 200 bbls.

Farish 22, Hargraves; 200 bbls.

Completed 8, producing 7, dry 1; new production 3055 bbls.

DRILLING.

Hermann 40, Hermann; waiting for tools.

Hermann 48, Hermann.

Producers 88, Bering & Cortes; shut down.

Producers 99, Bart.

Producers 100, Bering-Cortes.

Producers 101, Hargraves.

Producers and Ninety-Nine Co. 94, West (3d hole).

Producers 95, Bering-Cortes; shut down.

Esperson 12, Hermann; tubing up.

Sun 56, Holmes; shut down.

Sun 62, Bailey; shut down.

Sun 69, Hargraves.

Sun 24, Hermann.

Ninety-Nine Co. 38, Queen Bee.

Ninety-Nine Co. 39, Butler.

O'Neil 46, Butler; bailing.

O'Neil 47, Jones.

O'Neil 48, Jones.

Guffey & Blaffer 1, McDonald.

Decker & Paddock 3, Bender; waiting cable tools.

Nicholson 4, Butler; shut down.

Nicholson 2, Jones.

Fondren 19, Adams.

Simms 1, McDonald.

Farish 30, Butler.

Guffey 1, Hirsch (2d hole).

Guffey 1, Bissonett; cable tools.

Simms & Co. 2, Jones.

Guffey & Blaffer 1, Cobb.

Farish 31 and 32, Butler.

Woods & Meadows 6, Butler; shut down awaiting tools.

Guffey & Blaffer 2, Bailey.

Simms & Co. 3, Jones.

Guffey & Blaffer 1, Montgomery.

Taber 1, Wren.

Emerson 3, Butler.

Drilling 37.

RIGS.

Ninety-Nine Co. 40, Bailey.

Woods & Meadows 7, Butler.

Simms 4 and 5, Jones.

Rigs 4.

NEW DERRICKS.

Simms 6, 7 and 8, Jones.

Soden and others 1, Cherry.

ABANDONED.

Fondren 2, Fant & Freund; dry.

Producers 77, Butler; not completed.

Guffey & Blaffer 1, Bailey; lost hole.

MARKHAM.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Hardy 3, about 350 ft. W. of Hardy 1; 1580 feet. Penetrated 12 feet of sand at 1180 and will perforate for this.

Hardy 12, about 350 ft. S. of Hardy 3; 1080 feet in rock with lots of gas.

Hardy 13, about 500 ft. E. of Hardy 2; 1350 ft. in rock.

Hardy 14, about 450 ft. S.E. of Hardy 1; 1380 ft.

Hardy 15, about 500 ft. W. of Hardy 2; 900 ft.

NOTES.

The above report covers operations on September 15. No. 12 had passed through the rock at 1380 feet on September 17 and is in gumbo. No. 14 was completed dry at 1400 feet on September 16. A location has been made for No. 16 at a point 75 feet northwest of Hardy 1.

Hardy 1 has been flowing since September 10, making from 700 to 900 barrels of oil and 300 barrels of water. No. 2 is pumping 40 to 50 barrels of oil and 15 per cent water.

GOOSE CREEK.

COMPLETED.

Producers 1, Ashbel Smith, 1 mile east of discovery well on Gaillard place. Dry and abandoned at 2500 feet. Pipe pulled. The 1500 foot sand was cased off in this hole, which was a deep test.

Producers 2, Ashbel Smith, 60 ft. E. of No. 1; flowing 75 barrels of oil and considerable fresh water from 1470 foot sand.

Producers 1, Busch 10 acres, 1000 ft. W. of discovery well; strainer was pulled three times to test formations and could not be reset the fourth time on account of water sand above the oil. Abandoned.

Guffey 1, Scorreggo; dry and abandoned at 2550 ft.

DRILLING.

Producers 2, Gaillard 350 feet southwest of Gaillard 1; in rock.

Producers 1, Duke, 3-4 mile northwest of Gaillard 1; twisted off; sidetracking pipe.

Producers 2, Jones (formerly carried as Producers 1), drilling at about 2200 feet. The first test on this land was lost at this depth a year ago.

Producers 1, Sweet 20 acres, 1000 ft. E. of Gaillard 1; in rock.

Producers 1, Pelly, 1-2 mile N. W. of Gaillard 1; in rock.

Burt-McGaffey 1, Kittredge; shut down.

Drilling 6.

RIG.

Producers 2, Busch 10 acres; 80 ft. W. of No. 1.

LOCATION.

Producers 1, Isenhour, west side of creek, 1¼ mile W. of Gaillard 1.

NOTE.

The Texas Company has completed its pump station at Goose Creek and is laying a 4-inch line from the field to Bay Town, 3 miles distant, where there is 30 to 40 feet of water.

SPINDLETOP.

COMPLETED.

McNeill & Hess, block 38, Hogg-Swayne; dry.

Unity 18, Big Five lease; 225 bbls.

Completed 2, producing 1, dry 1; new production 225 bbls.

DRILLING.

Wilson-Broach 10, Cassie lease of Higgins; cable tools.

Guffey 6, Lucky Strike lease of McFaddin; drilling deeper.

W. B. Derr, Keith Ward; waiting strainer.

Guffey 106, Gladys flats.

Peerless Oil Co. 4 (Shepherd & Davenport) block 22, McFaddin.

Maguire & Thresher, block 19, Gladys.

F. D. Smith & Co. 14, old Heywood lease.

Wilson Broach Co., block 20, Gladys.

Drilling 8.

RIGS.

Bowles 11, McFaddin.

DERRICK.

Unity 19, Big Five lease.

BATSON.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Paraffine 9, Paraffine 40 acres.

Meehan Bros. 7, Mary Ellen.

Higgins 22, Higgins.

Guffey 85, Wing.

Drilling 4.

ABANDONED.

Guffey 32, Choate.

Guffey 3, Middlebrook & Ash.

Guffey 3, Taber.

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SARATOGA.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Cotton 22, Petty ½ acre.

Guffey & Taber 5, Phillips strip 5 of Hopkins; shut down to test casing.

Gaines 1, Teel; shut down pending sale of property.

Drilling 3.

RIGS.

Sun 42, Kirby.

Guffey & Taber 6, Phillips strip 5 of Hopkins, 20 ft. N. of No. 5.

SOUR LAKE.

COMPLETED.

Crosbie 1, Producers; 30 bbls.

Texas Star 4, Cannon; 15 bbls.

Young 21, Gordon; 30 bbls.

Robinson & Buckner 1, Bailey; 200 bbls.

Completed 4, producing 4; new production 275 bbls.

DRILLING.

Texas 128, Texas farm.

Gilbert 38, Gilbert.

Hardin Co. 11, Hardin County tract.

Watts 1, Gulf Coast Oil Co. tract; trying to shut off water.

Edna 1, Jackson; shut down.

Crosbie 5, Wirt Davis; shut down.

Drilling 6.

DERRICKS.

Producers 1, Merchant.

Keever & Gordon 1, Bailey.

DAYTON.

COMPLETED.

None.

DRILLING.

Sun 32, Quintette; set strainer at 600 ft.; at 500 ft. light showing of oil. Pulled out and are going deeper.

Am. Sulphur & Oil 4, Trinity River bottoms, drilling at about 130 ft.

JENNINGS.

COMPLETED.

Gulf Ref. Co. 24, Syndicate fee simple; 200 bbls.

Producers 59, Latreille 40 acres; 3000 bbls.

National 6, Conklin; 150 bbls.

Zigler 8, Layne (previously reported Wheat & Wilson); 75 bbls.

Completed 4, producing 4; new production 3425 bbls.

DRILLING.

Gulf Ref. Co. 25 and 26, Syndicate fee simple.

Gulf Ref. Co. 7, Syndicate-Clement.

Gulf Ref. Co. 7 and 8, Jennings-Clement.

Gulf Ref. Co. 19, Arnaudet (formerly 43).

Producers 60 and 61, Latreille 40 acres.

Producers 62, Latreille 160 acres; 1800 feet S. E. of proven field.

C. O. & M. 37, Fee simple.

Great Southern 1, Arlington 3 acres.

Barker 1, in Jennings city limits; shut down.

National 7, Simon.

Grand Gulf 1, Lormond, south of field; shut down.

Knott 2, Lyons.

Zigler 9, Ismerie; 200 ft. west proven field.

Carencro 3, McFarlain.

Drilling 17.

DRILLING DEEPER.

Gulf Ref. Co. 14, Arnaudet (old No. 28).

DERRICKS.

Chgo.-Jngs. 11, Clement.

V. Holler 1, Cutting.

National 8, Conklin.

NOTE.

Crowley Oil & Mineral 37, on the C. O. & M. fee simple came in September 16 and was doing about 300 barrels with air on that date.

ANSE LA BUTTE.

COMPLETED.

Lake 10, R. Martin; started at rate of 4000 bbls.; now making 1500 bbls.

Guidroz 1, N. Patin; started at 1500 bbls; now making 350 bbls.

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Houston, Texas, ...113 Main Street

Completed 2, producing 2; new production 4500 bbls.

DRILLING.

Lake 11, R. Martin; 100 ft.
Anse la B. O. & M. 2, Begnaud; 1050 ft.
Deborah 3, I. A. Broussard, 350 ft.
Daspit 1, Hebert, 475 ft.
J. Y. S. 1, A. Martin; shut down.
Lake 8, R. Martin; shut down.
Grow 1, N. Patin; shut down.
Anse la B. O. & M. 1, Begnaud; shut down.
Drilling 8.

RIGS.

J. W. Stokie, A. Broussard.

NOTES.

Lake Oil Co. 10 came in at 3 p. m. Sept. 11, gushing at the rate of 4000 barrels of oil, and on Sept. 14 was making about 1500 barrels with as much water.

Guidroz Oil Co. 1 came in at 11 p. m. on the same day, gushing 1500 barrels but is now on air making about 350 barrels of oil. Total production of field 2500 barrels on September 15.

CADDO.

COMPLETED.

Richardson 2, Patzman; 400 bbls.
Producers 1, Lane; 400 bbls.
Dawes 1, Edwards (near Vivian); 25 bbls.

Completed 3, producing 3; new production 825 bbls.

DRILLING.

Caddo G. & O. 9, Offenhauser.
Caddo G. & O. 6, Smith.
Caddo G. & O. 2, Gilbert.
Caddo G. & O. 1, Donnell.
Caddo G. & O. 1, Hiner.
Producers 2, Harrell; salt water and showing oil.
Producers 1, Rudersdorf; fishing.
Producers 2, Lane; setting 6-inch casing.
Producers 2, Homestead.
Producers 2, Murray & McGowan.
Producers 1, Harrell.
Trees 1, Dixon.
B. B. O. Co. 1, Glassell.
Guffey 1, Hostetter (Mooringsport) second hole.
Filer 2, Filer.
Richardson 2, Etcheson & Mayfield.
Heywood 1, Heywood 5 acres.
Guffey 1, Posey (Vivian).
Drilling 18.

DERRICKS.

Producers 1, Murray, Colquitt & Hardy.
Producers 8, C. O. & M. Co.
Trees 1, Guy.
Richardson 3, Patzman.
Blanchard 3, Surrey.
C. G. Dawes 1, White.
Marshall 1, Cole.
W. B. Croom (Mooringsport).
Marshall Gas Co. 1, near Blanchard farm.
Derricks 9.

WELSH.

No new work is in progress at Welsh. The Welsh Company's well sanded up and has been abandoned after producing steadily for 6 years. The Hilltop Company has also lost a well through sanding, and one of the Rio Bravo wells is out of commission from the same cause. At present only 3 wells are producing: Hilltop-Metropolitan, one well making 50 barrels, and Central City Company, 2 wells making 35 barrels; total 85 barrels. The stocks of oil in the field outside the Rio Bravo's are estimated at 10,000 barrels. Jim Bowen has a rig up on one of Ben Taber's old test holes, but has not started drilling.

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Mitchell Oil & Gas Well Co. of Celeste, capital $10,000; G. N. Norris, president; M. K. Harrell, treasurer; Morris Harrell, secretary.

Ballard Oil Co. of Dallas, capital $10,000; James A. Ballard, Thos. R. Tennant and others.

South Houston Oil and Gas Company of Houston, capital, $30,000; incorporators, C. S. Woods, R. P. Christian and W. W. Searcy, Jr.

Company incorporated at Texarkana with Will Barker, president; Louis Loeb, secretary and treasurer, both of Columbia, Tenn.; A. Maxville, Texarkana, manager; has purchased 200 acres of land near Texarkana and will develop for gas and oil.

The Hardy Oil Company, incorporated under laws of Arizona with principal office at San Antonio, filed amendment to its charter today increasing capital stock to $12,000.

Ode Oil Company of Houston, capital, $3,000; incorporators, John S. Aikin, E. F. Grinstead and C. W. Harral.

Oklahoma.

Nowata Oil Co. of Nowata, capital, $10,000; by C. F. Moore, H. L. Foster and W. D. Humphrey.

Louisiana.

Gueydan Oil Developing Co. of Gueydan, capital $100,000.

Vivian Oil Co. of Shreveport, capital, $100,000; B. G. Dawes, president and treasurer, Marietta, Ohio; H. E. Lehman, vice-president; C. W. Lemon, secretary, both of Shreveport.

NEW WELLS AT HENRIETTA.

The Clayco Oil & Pipe Line Company drilled into a heavy gas sand in its No. 3 on the Panhandle tract in the Henrietta field on September 16. The well is said to be about 1600 feet deep and is rated a 10,000,000-foot gasser. A report from Henrietta also states that the Navarro Refining Company has completed its No. 1 on the Perkins land, adjoining the Lochridge tract and about 200 feet south of the wells on that land. The new well is said to be good for 100 barrels from the 760-foot sand.

The Frisco is preparing to oil its roadbed between Beaumont and Houston and proposes to use oil also for fuel on its passenger locomotives over the same route.

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SHORTAGE IN JULY INSTEAD OF A SURPLUS.

A transposition of figures in compiling the report of car shipments of Gulf Coast crude in July embodied in the Texas and Louisiana summary published in the Oil Investors' Journal of August 6, made the Sour Lake movement appear as 4,918 barrels whereas it should have been stated as 251,449 barrels. This error affects the statistics of movement and consumption very materially, transforming the reported surplus of 119,175 barrels into a shortage of 127,356 barrels. The corrected report of Sour Lake shipments increases the total car movement in July to 578,263 barrels, the total movement of crude to 852,202 barrels, the net movement of Gulf Coast crude to 1,220,856 barrels and the total movement and estimated consumption to 1,400,856 barrels. As stocks on July were estimated at 6,494,732 barrels the deduction of this shortage indicates stocks on August 1 of 6,367,376 barrels. Likewise, stocks shown on hand September 1 in the issue of September 6 should be reduced to 6,300,550 barrels.

A TEXAN'S DESCRIPTION OF THE MEXICAN OIL WELL FIRE.

A vivid description of the big oil well fire in Mexico is given by Jess Fry, of Corpus Christi, Tex., secretary of the Piedras Pintas Consolidated Oil & Pipe Line Company, in a letter to J. S. MacNamara, vice president of the United Oil & Refining Company of Beaumont. Mr. Fry visited the well during the last week in August in company with Jack Ennis and Shorty Walker, and upon his return on September 3 wrote to Mr. MacNamara, who has furnished a copy of the letter to the Oil Investors' Journal. It follows:

Bulwer, Dore and Dante combined, could not picture the great burning oil well of Mexico, which was on fire from July 4 to August 30.

The well is reached by boat from Tampico, through Laguna Tamiahua, a lake about 75 miles long by 25 miles wide and is located within 2000 feet of the Tamiahua River, on what is known as the San Diego del Mar Haciendo, comprising about 5000 acres which is leased by the Pennsylvania Oil Company 51 per cent of the stock being owned by S. Pearson & Son of London, England.

This well was drilled through gumbo and shale to a depth of 1825 feet. On coming in suddenly and without any warning, a fissure 300 feet long and 18 inches wide opened up, extending to the boiler, flowing oil to its full length, where it immediately ignited. For twenty days this well flowed about 90,000 barrels of oil per day, when gradually the earth began to cave in, forming a crater 1000 feet in diameter and 250 feet deep. When we arrived on the scene, the well was making at the lowest estimate 500,000 barrels of fluid per day, 10 per cent of which was oil, or 50,000 barrels of oil each 24 hours. This great flow of fluid was carried from the crater through a sluice-way 50 feet wide emptying into a lagoon and overflowing into the Tamiahua River. The heat from the boiling, burning lake of oil was intense, and the glare from the fire was plainly visible 180 miles away, we having seen it a hundred miles outside of Tampico Saturday night.

On winding our way through a dense foliage, of tropical plants and vines, dotted with large live-oak trees, hanging moss, the great well suddenly burst into view. It was like being jammed into the very jaws of a red old hell, with a thousand devils fiendishly feeding the flames with crude oil. The natives were panic stricken and kept at a safe distance, but one who ventured closely, thinking the world was coming to an end, shouted his warnings and committed suicide. As the bluff crumbled away, sometimes as much as fifty feet at a time, falling into the crater, great waves of burning oil, 10 or 15 feet in height, washed and surged back and forth, throwing oil over the banks all around, and at intervals of five minutes, eruptions, volcanic like, 100 feet in diameter, and from 10 to 15 feet in height, appeared in different parts of the crater, proving conclusively to my mind, that the well, which was originally 8-inch in diameter had gradually grown in size to the diameter of the crater and the full depth of the well, or 1825 feet. Immediately following these eruptions the oil ignited, sending up clouds of smoke a thousand feet high or more, fairly obscuring the sun. My first impulse was to flee for my life but my legs failed me utterly; I stood paralyzed—awe-stricken at the fearful scene, notwithstanding the ground on which I stood was quite noticeably vibrating.

Preparations for extinguishing this fire were under the supervision of Mr. C. F. Ganahl and Mr. J. A. Pollard, and had been under way for about seven weeks, during which time a battery of pumps had been connected up 2000 feet away, on the banks of the Tamiahua River, from which two strings of eight inch pipe were laid to the great centrifugal pump, near the well, Mr. Ganahl's plan being to fill the crater with gravel, and thereby shut off the flow of the well. He estimated that 1,000,000 cubic metres of solid matter had been thrown out, to replace which would require fully sixty days. Mr. Jack Ennis on surveying the well proposed to extinguish the fire in forty-eight hours or quit the work, by what process, he refused to state to the gentlemen in charge, but having gone to such trouble and expense in their preparation, they were unwilling to consider Mr. Ennis' proposition until their own efforts had failed.

At 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, August 30, some great change was taking place below the mouth of the crater, the eruptions having ceased, and the flow decreasing hourly, and on our return to Tampico a telegram was received advising the fire was out, having extinguished itself.

The Griffiths test, near Seabrook, Tex., is down over 2000 feet.

The Texas Company has mailed notices of its regular quarterly dividend of $3 a share, which will be paid September 30.

The Gulf Refining Company's new tank steamer, Oklahoma, sailed on her maiden trip from Sabine on September 7 with 63,885 barrels of refined oil for export.

Ohio's new law, requiring that tanks, cans and barrels containing gasoline, benzine and naphtha must be painted red and plainly labeled, went into effect on September 1. The purpose of the statute is to minimize the danger of accident by making known to the most casual observer the character of the contents of the red receptacles.

In the field report on Goose Creek, carried in this issue, Producers No. 2 on the Ashbel Smith land is carried as a completion, although there is a possibility that it may be drilled deeper in the event that the formation now being tested between 1450 and 1500 feet does not prove satisfactory. Air was put into the well on September 16.

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THE TANK STRAPPER'S COLUMN.

Jack Ennis refuses to disclose the method which he contemplated using in his plan to put out the burning oil well south of Tampico. A mutual friend suggests that Jack perhaps intended to cuss it out. Those who are familiar with Jack's vocabulary will be compelled to admit that this is the one best bet.

Dad Peck is back from Mexico with a hair raising story of how he killed a ferocious mountain lion at the risk of his life. Private advices from Mexico state that a fat man from Texas recently shot a half tame cougar which was chained to a tree. This may be only a coincidence. Or possibly Dad did not see the chain.

Mat Sweeney of the Sun Company needed a shave on Labor Day, and finding that all the barbers had knocked off to celebrate the holiday went to Wilson's hardware store and bought a safety razor. Then he sought the seclusion of his room, locked the door and went to work. He scraped his face for forty-five minutes, but nary a hair did he sever. Getting sore over it he waltzed back to the hatchet emporium and demanded his money. The clerk opened the razor case and casually inquired of Mat if he had put a blade in the holder before trying to cut his bristles. Spectators affirm that Sweeney refused to answer or tell his name, but grabbed the razor and fled while the salesman was explaining that to get the best results it was always necessary to use a blade.

Bill Metzger's five months old boy copped the first prize for looks at the baby show at Louise, Texas. The kid can thank its mother. After searching the records we fail to find where Bill ever took a beauty prize.

A NEW STAR IN PAPA-DOM.

This, gentle and defenseless reader, is a flattering likeness of Norman W. Hendershot, manager of the National Supply Company of Beaumont, who now occupies first place in the contest for the Beaumont Wheeling Club's 1908 pennant. "Shot" scored on September 8 with a 12-pound boy, thus leading all other contestants by several pounds. He was in the 1907 race with a 9-pound girl, but the pennant went to Paul Gage when his twin boys appeared. The haughty look which "Shot" wears in the photo was assumed for the occasion. By nature he is gentle, stands without hitching, speaks with a West Virginian accent, plays the piano after business hours (thus considerately allowing the neighbors an opportunity to sleep in the day time, if they care to sleep at all), and has other and varied accomplishments too numerous to mention. The new boy will go through life as Norman W., Jr.

You can't keep the good ones down. That's why our old friend A. F. Roach of the Rio Bravo has gone to the Imperial Oil Company of California, as superintendent. Roach has been in the game down here almost from the beginning and is a fully accredited member of the Supreme Kennel of Old Dogs. Come to think of it he certainly deserves a medal or a fat job or something or other for sticking it out at Welsh these three years. When the French court was framing up a place of exile for Dreyfus they asked him to take his pick—Devil's Island, off the coast of Nowhere, or Welsh, La. It is related of the Captain that he smiled feebly and murmured without hesitation: "The island, of course."

Last week's victims of the Silent Wiz: Seventy-Five-Cent-Oil Bradley and Chained Lightning Mattison. We neglected to mention that Ab Moore defeated the Wiz in a match game in August. This accounts for Ab's swelled up appearance.

An operation was performed by Drs Chappelle, Chalmers and Smith, on Wilbert Dobbin's arm last Sunday. We are pleased to hear that Wilbert is doing as well as can be expected.—Scrapperville correspondence in Canadian Oil Journal.

You can't expect very much of Wilbert if all three of those doctors took a whack at his arm.

The old plant of the Royal Petroleum Company at Jennings, La., was sold to satisfy debt on August 22 and was bid in by the mortgagee, J. H. Heinen, for a figure not given out. What will be done with the refinery has not been determined.

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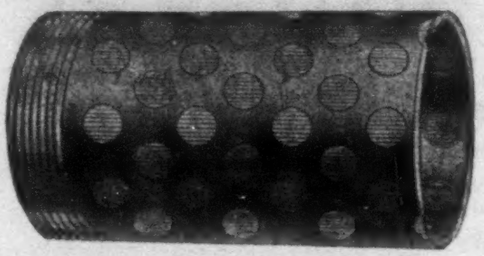

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DECREASE IN CAR SHIPMENTS OF GULF COAST CRUDE.

Records of car shipments of fuel oil from Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast points for eight months of 1908 indicate a decrease of 20 per cent as compared with the car shipments during the corresponding period of 1907. The total net movement of crude by tank car in the first eight months of 1907 was 6,324,414 barrels, of which 1,913,987 barrels went from Louisiana points, all of this being Jennings oil excepting, 24,597 barrels loaded at Caddo. The shipments from Texas points amounted to 4,410,427 barrels. In the first eight months of the present year the total net car movement was 5,075,280 barrels, of which 1,659,654 barrels went from Louisiana loading stations, and 3,415,626 barrels from Texas points. The decrease compared with the shipments in the same period in 1907 was 1,249,134 barrels, the Louisiana movement showing a decline of 254,333 barrels and the Texas movement a decline of 994,801 barrels. A comparison of the records of the defferent loading points reveals some wide variations in the two years. Spindletop in eight months of 1907 loaded 240,946 barrels as aginst 73,604 barrels in the same period of 1908; Sour Lake 1,372,248 barrels in 1907 as compared with 793,399 barrels in 1908; Saratoga 878,394 barrels in 1907 as against 810,375 barrels in 1908; Trice (Houston loading station of the Texas Company), 871,640 barrels in 1907 as compared with 609,436 barrels in 1908; Humble 1,047,199 barrels in 1907 as compared with 1,113,205 barrels in 1908, and Markham 15,607 barrels in July and August, 1908. This last field has only been shipping oil since last July. In Louisiana the Jennings station loaded 1,359,595 barrels in the eight months of 1907 as against 871,018 barrels in the same period this year; Mermentau 77,984 barrels in 1907 as compared with 71,146 barrels in 1908; Egan 351,975 barrels in 1907 as against 199,105 barrels in 1908; Lake Charles 218,607 barrels in 1907 as compared with 878,953 barrels in 1908; Caddo 24,597 barrels in 1907 as against 84,079 barrels in 1908 and Anse la Butte 19,218 barrels in 1908. Anse la Butte shipped no oil by tank car last year. All of the crude loaded at Jennings, Mermentau, Egan and Lake Charles is from the Jennings field. In the first eight months of 1907 the quantity of Jennings crude transferred in tank cars to Texas storage was 118,791 barrels and in the same period in 1908 it was 463,865 barrels. These transfers are included in the Jennings, Mermentau, Egan and Lake Charles totals as given above, but are deducted in the totals of net shipments from Texas and Louisiana, viz: 6,324,414 barrels in 1907 and 5,075,280 barrels in 1908.

While there has been a considerable decline in the car shipments of fuel oil from Gulf Coast points this year as compared with last year, in reality the apparent decrease has been practically made up by shipments of residuum from the refineries of the Texas Company at West Dallas and of the Navarro Refining Company at Corsicana. The Texas Company's plant was not completed until early in the present year

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but the shipments of residuum have been heavy, averaging in some months 5,000 barrels a day. The shipments of residuum from Corsicana have also been a considerable item.

On the whole it does not appear probable that there has been any marked decrease in fuel oil consumption in Texas and Louisiana in 1908 as compared with 1907, despite the fact that the car movement of crude from Gulf Coast points shows a decline. Prices at this time last year were nearly double the current quotations for fuel oil. When the records for the entire year are complete it may be expected with reasonable certainty that they will disclose an increase in the consumption of all grades of fuel oil, both crude and residuum, as compared with 1907.

The largest consumer of oil in the southwest, the Southern Pacific railroad, curtailed its oil consumption very materially in 1907 when the price went above $1 a barrel, and this year has contracted for 286,000 tons of coal for its Texas lines during the fiscal year beginning in July. This company now uses in the neighborhood of 6,000 barrels of fuel oil daily on its Texas and Louisiana lines.

A correct record of car shipments from Gulf Coast points for eight months of 1908 as compared with eight months of 1907 follows:

Spindletop.

	1907	1908
January	15,909	927
February	36,550	1,402
March	45,302	20,661
April	27,499	25,432
May	28,034	6,388
June	33,513	6,013
July	29,968	6,388
August	24,171	6,393
Totals	240,946	73,604

Sour Lake.

	1907	1908
January	102,763	108,142
February	172,852	24,004
March	169,298	42,035
April	173,074	111,989
May	252,361	34,508
June	235,631	38,327
July	151,085	251,449
August	115,184	182,935
Totals	1,372,248	793,399

Saratoga.

	1907	1908
January	33,368	158,027
February	23,120	128,698
March	155,445	117,388
April	41,828	92,909
May	225,360	89,251
June	110,762	46,994
July	150,158	61,686
August	138,353	115,422
Totals	878,394	810,375

Trice (Houston).

	1907	1908
January	132,220	57,469
February	121,660	59,821
March	83,160	50,972
April	160,820	68,442
May	90,860	102,803
June	108,680	83,553
July	86,020	86,814
August	88,220	99,562
Totals	871,640	609,436

Humble.

	1907	1908
January	159,921	147,213
February	155,969	147,919
March	137,959	86,974
April	119,287	100,844
May	120,354	109,669
June	120,922	148,030
July	138,347	167,763
August	94,440	204,793
Totals	1,047,199	1,113,205

Markham.

	1907	1908
July	0	5,955
August	0	9,652
Total	0	15,607

All Texas Shipments:

Eight months 1907	4,410,427
Eight months 1908	3,415,626
Decrease	994,801

Jennings.

	1907	1908
January	322,608	166,331
February	186,523	155,676
March	175,501	113,938
April	143,501	116,115
May	131,638	117,317
June	105,107	99,422
July	140,656	54,191
August	154,061	48,028
Totals	1,359,595	871,018

Mermentau.

	1907	1908
January	22,149	2,305
February	8,109	6,327
March	10,706	1,149
April	5,312	3,835
May	10,190	10,326
June	7,389	8,844
July	5,298	11,767
August	8,831	26,593
Totals	77,984	71,146

Egan.

	1907	1908
January	38,229	27,011
February	63,598	42,645
March	78,488	16,453
April	82,563	34,739
May	37,455	24,226
June	16,348	17,381
July	22,024	18,756
August	13,270	17,894
Totals	351,975	199,105

Anse la Butte.

	1907	1908
January	0	4,308
February	0	3,401
March	0	2,631
April	0	2,800
May	0	1,238
June	0	1,417
July	0	1,321
August	0	2,102
Total	0	19,218

Lake Charles.

	1907	1908
January	49,760	106,681
February	38,954	100,843
March	53,666	142,873
April	5,681	111,779
May	24,496	50,525
June	576	138,063
July	37,386	114,445
August	8,088	113,744
Totals	218,607	878,953

Caddo.

	1907	1908
January	2,236	3,456
February	2,472	0
March	2,012	385
April	2,941	25,384
May	1,925	19,796
June	2,309	5,950
July	2,246	11,912
August	8,456	17,196
Totals	24,597	84,079

Transfers of Jennings Crude to Texas Storage.

	Barrels
Eight months 1907	118,791
Eight months 1908	463,865
Increase	345,074

Net Car Shipments of Louisiana Crude.
(Jennings Transfers Deducted.)

	Barrels
Eight months 1907	1,913,987
Eight months 1908	1,659,654
Decrease	254,333

Net Car Shipments of Texas and Louisiana Crude.

	Barrels
Eight months 1907	6,324,414
Eight months 1908	5,075,280
Decrease	1,249,134

GLENN CRUDE GOES UP IN SMOKE.

Earthen tank No. 1157 of the Texas Company at Sour Lake, containing 40,000 to 50,000 barrels of Oklahoma crude, was struck by lightning at 3:30 p. m. September 16 and burned until 10 the same night. The exact loss is not known, and will not be determined until the oil which was saved is pumped from the tank.

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The Heywood Oil Company on September 15 sent checks to stockholders covering its twenty-eighth dividend, the amount being $2 per share, making $90 per share paid in dividends by this company since October 1901. Accompanying the checks Vice-President W. C. Tyrrell, Jr., sent the following letter:

"Enclosed please find our check for $2.00 per share on all stock standing in your name on the books of the company, same being dividend number 28.

"Since our last letter the oil market has strengthened some but it is not as high as we think it should be under present conditions.

"We are still putting the bulk of our production in storage. We have commenced drilling on our Fee Simple land in the Caddo, La. oil field. We are close to good production and we hope to have some good news from Caddo and a more generous check for you on Dec. 15 next. Yours truly, Heywood Oil Co., by W. C. Tyrrell, Jr."

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WORLD'S PETROLEUM PRODUCTION IN 1907.

The United States Geological Survey's report on petroleum production in 1907, prepared under direction of Dr. David T. Day, contains a mass of interesting statistics regarding the output of foreign countries.

The total yield of crude petroleum in 1907 throughout the world was 262,212,299 barrels, as compared with 212,900,900 barrels in 1906, a gain of approximately 50,000,000 barrels. Of this quantity the United States produced in 1907 166,095,335 barrels, as compared with 126,493,936 in 1906. The production by countries in 1906 and 1907 is shown in the following tables:

Country.	1906 Barrels.	1907 Barrels.
United States	126,493,936	166,095,335
Russia	58,897,311	61,850,734
Sumatra, Java and Borneo	8,662,572	*8,738,302
Galicia	5,467,967	8,360,441
Roumania	6,378,184	8,118,207
India	4,015,802	4,344,162
Japan	1,710,768	2,010,639
Mexico	.....	1,000,000
Canada	569,753	788,872
Germany	578,610	756,631
Peru	42,419	65,476
Italy	53,577	*53,500
Other	30,000	*30,000
Totals	212,900,900	262,212,299

*Estimated.

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL PRODUCTION, 1907.

United States	63.12
Russia	23.50
Sumatra, Java and Borneo	3.36
Galicia	3.36
Roumania	3.22
India	1.65
Japan	.76
Mexico	.38
Canada	.30
Germany	.30
Peru	.02
Italy	.02
Other	.01
Total	100.00

A LETTER FROM CAPTAIN A. F. LUCAS.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9, 1908.
Editor Oil Investors' Journal,
Beaumont, Texas.

Dear Sir—

Permit me to express my warm appreciation of the manly article published in your issue of the 6th inst. to-wit: "A New Series of Sherlock Holmes Stories; The Great Mystery of the Dry Hole in Terrebonne Parish," in which you unmask the malignity of a scribe for a reputable paper, who seeks to spice his writings by silly innuendoes and venomous aspersions on the acts of a man who certainly deserves the contrary. I mean the pioneer work of Mr. I. N. Knapp.

I am well acquainted with Mr. Knapp and the work he is engaged in, both in Terrebonne and St. Mary parishes, La., and positively know that the work he carried on was not in any way actuated by either secrecy or underhandedness, but on the contrary, it was perfectly open for the world at large to see. Further, the well at Lake Barre, after completion, was not sealed with either plaster of paris or other dope, but only plugged for further reference, as thousands of other wells are.

I said pioneer work, because I am acquainted with the many drawbacks that Mr. Knapp has had to contend with in order to carry on operations there, the chief ones being the seclusion of the location from habitation, the lack of ground to stand on, and the swarm of innumerable insects.

I can certainly substantiate your statement, as to the Louisiana State Geologist, and the U. S. Geological Survey, and add myself, as being in full possession of the logs of all the wells. I may add that I doubt if there is in either Louisiana or Texas a man so eminently fitted for the work undertaken as Mr. Knapp is, as he combines the practical experience of many years, and brings it to bear in a scientific way with the help of riper geologists, in the effort to unfathom the arcanum of the Southeastern Geology of Louisiana. He is painstaking, has broad gauge merit of ability and perseverance, is absolutely true and honorable in his dealings and ambitious to achieve the success to which he is fairly entitled.

I should therefore think that such men being rare the press and the public should unite in giving him his just dues and encouragement, more so as the large amount of money spent in the effort is done in the hope of extending and developing the mineral resources of the state.

Respectfully yours,
A. F. LUCAS.

THE LIRETTE GAS WELL SOUTH OF HOUMA, LA.

The picture shows the well a few days after it blew out, and before it was ignited.

LUFKIN TEST A WATER WELL.

The Producers Oil Company's test on the city waterworks land one half mile north of Lufkin, Texas, was bailed September 15 and proved to be a water well. After the screen was set considerable oil showed, but bailing failed to develop any considerable quantity. The result is similar to that obtained in the other tests sunk in the same vicinity. It is reported that the well will be drilled deeper.

ANALYSES OF LOUISIANA GAS.

An analysis of gas from the 600-foot formation in the test well drilled several years ago near Montegut, in Terrebonne parish, La., four miles north of the Heywood-Pickard gasser on the Lirette place, which blew out on August 19 and is now running wild, is given as follows:

	Per cent.
Methane	89.099
Olefiant gas	4.45
Carbon monoxide	.100
Carbon dioxide	1.000
Hydrogen	1.75
Nitrogen	3.50
Oxygen	.100
Sulphuretted hydrogen	.001
	100.000

Gas from the 900 foot formation in the Caddo, La., field on analysis shows the following ingredients:

	Per cent.
Methane	95.00
Hydrogen	.00
Carbon monoxide	.00
Carbon dioxide	2.43
Nitrogen	2.86
Ethylene	.00
Sulphuretted hydrogen	.01
	100.00

OIL MEN CIRCULATING AT PETROLIA.

W. W. Bell, of the Guffey Oil Co. at Beaumont, Frank Cullen, of the Producers Oil Co. at Corsicana, Messrs. Babcock, of the Parafield Oil Co. at Beaumont, Silverton and Bony Moore, of Beaumont, were here this week circulating in the oil fields of Petrolia.—Oil Note from the Petrolia (Tex.) Roun-Up.

Discovered! Frank Cullinan of Byers parading as "Mr. Cullen of Corsicana;" Babcock of the Paraffine Company disguising himself as Babcock of the Parafield Company;" Randall Silverman posing as "Mr. Silverton" and Bunny Moore introducing himself as "Bony." Next thing we know we'll hear of Bill Cushing and "Buckshot" Charley Blackman scouting around some suspected oil field disguised as the Solinsky brothers. "O! Yo! Yo! Yo!"

NOTES.

The Gulf Refining Company of Louisiana, has taken over the Lirette lease, south of Houma La., on which the Pickard-Heywood gas well is located, and has obtained additional leases in this territory. A new test will be started near the Lirette well.

The J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company has transferred its interests in Caddo parish, La., to the Gulf Refining Company of Louisiana, the deed specifying a consideration of $30,441,25. The Gulf Refining Company of Louisiana is the corporation handling the Louisiana business of the Guffey-Gulf interests.

W. H. Cunningham left Beaumont September 4 for Colombia, where he will superintend drilling operations for the Martinez Oil Company. He was accompanied by James Cunningham and Thomas Baggs. A complete rotary drilling outfit was shipped from Beaumont and arrived at Cartagena September 16.

J. H. Johnson has leased the wells of the Rio Bravo Oil Company in the Shoestring district at Sour Lake. The production of the property is about 40 barrels.

ENNIS AND WALKER BACK FROM TAMPICO.

Jack Ennis and Shorty Walker were in Beaumont last week, fresh from Tampico and the Pearson's wild well southwest of there. Ennis has a reputation as an oil fire fighter, and he went to Mexico to look at the big burning gusher and to offer his services to the Pearson people. The day after he arrived the fire died out, presumably from a cave-in which shut off the gas. When Ennis saw the well it was making an immense quantity of water, which was running off into the river. The flow of oil had diminished until it was inconsiderable, due perhaps to the caving of the formations above the oil sand. Ennis describes the oil as being a very heavy crude, practically a liquid asphalt. So long as it was alive with gas it burned freely but as the gas diminished the fury of the flames subsided and at times the fire seemed to have completely died out. In a moment, however, it would flare up again.

"We used to think we had a lot of water at Sindletop,'" Ennis said, "but that Mexican well has made more water in two months than Spindletop has made in seven years."

A letter from Jess Fry, of Corpus Christi, who accompanied Ennis and Walker to Tampico, giving a description of the well, is printed elsewhere in this number of the Journal.

MEXICO'S ROSY OIL PROSPECTS.

In a letter to Amos J. Mitchell of Houston, written at San Louis Potosi, Mexico, on September 12, H. C. Mount, an Indiana oil operator who is preparing to drill in Mexico, expresses the greatest confidence in the future of the southern republic as an oil producing country of the first rank. This opinion is shared by practically every operator who has investigated the prospects in Mexico. Mr. Mount says:

"I fully expect to see the greatest oil field in the world developed along the Mexican coast during the next two years. The oil is very heavy, about 14 to 15 degrees Beaume, and the wells are large. It will not be long until there is a big rush in there. The land is held in large tracts. A hundred thousand acre lease is a small one, and a million acres very ordinary. There is oil galore here, and I think it would pay you to come down and look the situation over. Drilling will start on our property within a week. I think we have got one of the biggest things in Mexico."

Mr. Mount makes his headquarters in Tampico.

LATE DOPE FROM CADDO.

The Black Bayou Oil Company's well on the Glassell land in section 10, about one and a half miles east of development in the Caddo field, is reported in and making about 100 barrels from deep sand. The well near Vivian was drilled twelve feet into the sand and is rated a 25 barrel producer.

PROPOSITION FOR A TEST WELL.

I will give away 640 acres of oil land for a test well near Mina, Nevada, or more for interest. Address JOHN G. MIHELITCH, Box 154, Manhattan, Nev.

SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM PORT ARTHUR

[In Barrels of 42 Gallons.]

Aug.	Rig	Name Vessel	Loaded by	Consignee	Destination	Gulf crude	Refinery products
31	Barge	Conemaugh	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co.	Port Tampa, Fla.	.....	16,649
Sept.							
2	Barge	Gusher	Gulf Ref. Co.	Guyton & Co.	Galveston	8,797	.....
2	Ss.	Texas	The Texas Co.	The Texas Co.	England	.....	4,841
4	Ss.	J. M. Guffey	Gulf Ref. Co	Gulf Ref. Co.	Port Tampa, Fla.	1,040	20,714
4	Ss.	Larimer	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co.	Beverly, Mass.	3,100	32,661
5	Barge	Mingo	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.	.....	4,120
7	Barge	Allegheny	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf R. Co. of La.	Gretna, La.	.....	4,446
7	Barge	Humble	The Texas Co.	The Texas Co.	Morgan City, La.	.....	3,296
8	Ss.	Balkani	The Texas Co.	The Texas Co.	Belfast, Ireland	.....	40,410
9	Barge	Humble	The Texas Co.	The Texas Co.	Morgan City, La.	.....	3,947
11	Ss.	Clam	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co.	Rouen, France	.....	34,442
12	Barge	Shenango	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co.	Jacksonville, Fla.	373	27,686
12	Ss.	Ligonier	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co.	Philadelphia	23,166	12,176
12	Ss.	Florida	The Texas Co.	The Texas Co.	New Orleans	11,561	.....
13	Barge	Dallas	The Texas Co.	The Texas Co.	New Orleans	18,091	364
13	Barge	Humble	The Texas Co.	The Texas Co.	Morgan City, La.	.....	3,298
15	Ss.	J. M. Guffey	Gulf Ref. Co.	Gulf Ref. Co.	Montreal, Can.	1,386	21,847
	Miscellaneous dock deliveries by the Gulf Ref. Co. for bunkers					467	.....
	Miscellaneous dock deliveries by the Gulf Ref. Co. to barges					212	.....
	Total for first half of September					68,193	203,924

SHIPMENTS OF OIL FROM SABINE

[In Barrels of 42 Gallons.]

Sept.	Rig	Name Vessel	Loaded by	Consignee	Destination	Gulf crude	Refinery products
1	Ss.	Toledo	Sun P. L. Co.	Sun Co.	Marcus Hook, Pa.	21,157	.....
3	Ss.	Sun	Sun P. L. Co.	Sun Co.	Marcus Hook, Pa.	48,195	.....
3	Ss.	Texas	Security Oil Co.	For orders	England	.....	51,576
6	Barge	Gusher	Sun P. L. Co.	Guyton & Co.	Galveston	9,253	.....
7	Ss.	Oklahoma	Security Oil Co.	For orders	England	.....	63,885
10	Barge	Gusher	H. O. & F. Co.	Guyton & Co.	Galveston	9,010	.....
	Miscellaneous dock deliveries by Higgins Oil & Fuel Co. to tugs and barges					518	.....
	Miscellaneous dock deliveries by Sun P. L. Co. to tugs and barges					82	.....
	Total for first half of September					88,215	115,421

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A. F. ROACH GOES TO CALIFORNIA.

A. F. Roach, who has been field manager in charge of the Rio Bravo Company's production and refinery at Welsh, La., since 1905, has accepted a position with the Imperial Oil Company of California as superintendent, severing his connection with the Rio Bravo Company on September 15. He is succeeded at Welsh by W. R. Kennedy, heretofore with the Rio Bravo Company at Saratoga. Mr. Roach has been with the Rio Bravo people five years. He is a practical and successful oil man and will be a valuable acquisition to the staff of the Imperial Company. W. S. Boggs, the manager of the Imperial, recently visited the Gulf Coast fields to examine into the methods of drilling and operating wells. He was favorably impressed with the rotary and will make a test of it in California, where cable tools have been preferred up to this time. Mr. Roach is familiar with rotary drilling and probably will have charge of the Imperial's rotary work.

OPERATIONS IN THE MARKHAM FIELD.

Three wells within 500 feet of the producers at Markham appear to be dry in the 1300-foot formation, which has furnished all the oil so far obtained in the field. Hardy 3, located 350 feet west of Hardy 1, the discovery well, was drilled to 1590 feet. An effort was made to pull the casting order to develop a sand penetrated at 1180 feet, but this failed and the well will be perforated at 1180. Hardy 13, about 500 feet east of Hardy 2, the second producing well, did not find the regular formation and on September 17 was in gumbo at 1380 feet after passing through rock. Hardy 14 was completed dry at 1400 feet on September 16. This well is 450 feet southeast of Hardy 1. Hardy 12, located 350 southeast of Hardy 3, is showing heavy gas pressure below 1100 feet. On September 17 it was 1122 feet deep. Hardy 15 on September 17 was 1060 feet deep. It is 500 feet west of Hardy 2. A location has been made for Hardy 16, 75 feet northwest of Hardy 1.

Hardy 1 started flowing through the tubing on September 10 and made 900 barrels of oil a day for several days, gradually diminishing to 700 barrels, with about 300 barrels of water. Hardy 2 is pumping 40 to 50 barrels of oil with 15 per cent of water.

The Producers Oil Company will pay a dividend of $1.50 per share on September 30.

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